



HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW . . . and his students at the Meadow Park School were right there to tell him so. Last Friday when Herbert J. Farris, principal of Meadow Park School observed a birthday, the kindergarten youngsters and the classes through the third grade serenaded him with the "Happy Birthday Song" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Many of the classes had made special greeting cards, pictures and letters wishing their principal a happy day.

## LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

### Evelyn Carr

Election of officers highlighted the meeting of the Evelyn Carr PTA on March 26 at the school cafeteria. The Torrance Little League opened the meeting with the flag salute and the president, Mrs. Roland Stamm, introduced the guests. Mrs. Francis Stoeckel, Council president; Mrs. Sanders, North High PTA president, and Mrs. West, Monrovia Council president.

Officers elected were Mrs. Roland Stamm, president; Al Nocciola, Richard Welte, Mrs. Jess Clewett, and Mrs. Jerry Cunerty, vice presidents; Mrs. Jean Vance, treasurer; Mrs. Perry Baker, recording secretary; Mrs. Ralph Gastelum, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Roy Jackson, historian, and Robert Jones, auditor.

Mrs. Alex Bates announced that Miss Tuccinardi's second grade won the attendance prize.

Kindergarten round-up will be April 11 to April 30 and May 8 — 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. Arrangements for physical examinations by the school doctor should be made in advance. PTA mothers will be hosts at this time, serving coffee to the new parents. Mrs. C. R. Ross, program chairman, introduced Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Asper—directors of the primary chorus group. The primary chorus is made up of boys and girls from the first, second, third and fourth grades, about 60 in all. These youngsters have worked hard and put forth much effort to accomplish the harmonizing presented at this meeting. Our guests for the evening were next on the program which were foreign exchange students Christa Volkman, Vienna; Carl Hoybye, Copenhagen, and Jean Solomone, local, who discussed their educational systems and home lives abroad and their interesting experiences here. This was a most interesting program. Hostesses for the evening were the second grade room mothers.

### Arlington

Guest speaker at the March meeting of the Arlington PTA was Dr. Warren Hamilton who spoke on the building program in the Torrance schools. He emphasized in particular what is being done to ease the crowded conditions in the school. G. Ackerman from Casimir School presented a demonstration on wood working and other shop projects in which the students participate.

The following officers were elected for the coming year and will be installed at the May meeting: president, Mrs. M. Spaulding; first vice president, Mrs. R. Evestone; second vice president, M. Richland; third vice president, Mrs. R. Cyr; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Ramirez; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. Morris; treasurer, Mrs. K. Lempe; auditor, Mrs. L. Van De Vort. Mrs. L. Van De Vort, auditor, presented the president's

### Riviera

Election of officers will be held at the April 10 meeting of the Riviera PTA, at 8 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

The slate of officers is as follows: Mrs. Gene Voorhees, president; Mrs. James Osborn, first vice president; Mrs. Markie H. Sparks, second vice president; Mrs. Leo Levanas, third vice president; Mrs. Edward Davis, fourth vice president; Mrs. Jay Madden and Mrs. Charles Jahn, corresponding secretary; Richard Dodge, and Art Stevenson, treasurer; Mrs. James Cassell and Mrs. Marvin Bandoli, historians; Richard Miller, auditor. Nominations are still open and will be called for from the floor.

In addition to the election, the school Glee Club and orchestra will present a program and a class will demonstrate square dancing.

Eighth grade mothers at Riviera School held a meeting Friday morning in the cafeteria to discuss the graduation exercises and to appoint a committee to plan the eighth grade graduation party in June. Those on the committee are: Mmes. August Muzier, Harold Putsey, Harry Zinc, Michael Wald, John Giessler, and Glen Grimley, Riviera PTA representative.

The committee met Monday, April 1, at the home of Mrs. John Giessler, 836 Calle de Arboles to formulate sub-committees and make arrangements to contact each eighth grade mother personally to obtain ideas for the party.

There will be a future meeting with eighth grade student representative to incorporate their ideas in the plans for the party.

### Casimir

Casimir Elementary PTA met March 13, in the school cafeteria, at 7:30 p.m. Featured on the program was a panel discussion on "Our Children—Our Faith." Participating in the discussion were the following persons: Rev. Truman Jolly, representing the Protestant faith; Rabbi Alex Wiesel, representing the Jewish faith; Mr. J. Donley, representing the Catholic faith; Mr. D. Sherwood, also representing the Protestant faith.

### Seaside

Guest of honor at the March 26 meeting of Seaside PTA was Mrs. Howard J. Maughan, Preston, Idaho, who with her husband is spending the winter in the home of their son and his family, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Maughan, and three grandchildren, Mark, Marilyn and Gwendolyn, of Torrance.

Mrs. Maughan has held presidencies in local units and in the Idaho State Congress of Parents and Teachers. While state president she was instrumental in writing and securing passage of teacher retirement laws in Idaho, premarital and prenatal health laws and vocational guidance for high schools. She served as vice president to the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and her most outstanding honor came when she was named Idaho's "Mother of the Year" in 1954.

An interesting and varied program was presented at the meeting by the school band, and the school glee club and fifth grade chorus. Mr. Sam Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools, spoke on building plans for the Torrance School District and told of the phases of development planned for South Torrance High school.

Election of officers was held and the following were chosen to serve for the year 1957-58: Mrs. Leonard Priestley, president; Mrs. Robert Harlin, first vice president; Mrs. M. J. Unger, second vice president; Mrs. C. T. Reid, third vice president; Mrs. Eldon Sellmeyer, fourth vice president; Mrs. Gordon Maughan, recording secretary; Mrs. Clyde Miller, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. D. French, historian, and Mr. Lloyd Reist, auditor.

Delegates were elected to attend the district convention in Whittier on April 11. The April meeting date was changed to April 30 at which time the school will hold open house for the parents.

### Meadow Park

Meadow Park PTA held a board meeting at the school on Wednesday, April 3. The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. J. T. Anagnost. Plans for bicycle safety were discussed and a program will be worked out for the safety of the children.

The school nurse Mrs. C. Sanders gave the board some of the highlights of the Community Health Day conference held at the Biltmore Hotel. A wider and more extensive program for a mental health clinic are being considered, and the need for such clinics are great.

## Bored? ... Take a Look At Your YWCA Program

"A busy life is a happy life" has been stressed time and time again during this era of psychologists and psychiatrists. With this in mind, the local YWCA offers a stimulating program of events available in which there is sociability, purpose, education and friendliness.

Club life at the Y includes the Y-Wives, TOPS Club and the Junior Hostess Club. Y-Wives composed of married women meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. Activities are determined by the interests of the group. Mrs. Gladys Naumann has been giving exercises and dances and there will be bridge. Nursery care is always provided.

Group therapy in losing weight is the purpose of the TOPS Club which meets on Thursday morning from 10 until 12. "TOPS" means "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" and the low calorie recipes and encouragement of their fellow club members provide a delightful morning get-together.

The Junior Hostess group is open to single girls out of high school. The project of this group is visiting at the service club at the Air Force Base. Once a month, they attend a dance at the base. Classes offered at the YWCA are bridge, crafts for youth leaders, streamliners, interior decorating, social dancing, stork club and first aid.

On Wednesday morning, a bridge class for beginners and those who wish a refresher on basic bridge is being offered. The Goren point system is supervised by Mrs. Barbara Howell.

On Tuesday mornings, a session for beginners and advanced players is held. Bud and Bobbie Howell are instructors for this class open to both men and women.

On Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. YW members are given instructions in craft projects to be used with youth groups. Exercise is the purpose of the Streamliner class held on Wednesday. Mrs. Joyce Notter decides with the member what type of exercises are needed for "a trimmer you."

Interior decorating, featuring color, texture and form suitable to your home, is taught by experts in this field. These classes are held on Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m.

The social dance group open to men and women is taught by Mrs. Gladys Naumann. The basic steps including fox trot, swing, tango and mambo are taught every Thursday from 8 until 9 p.m.

The Stork Club was organized to prepare the expectant mother physically and emotionally for childbirth. This is done by informal discussions, pictures and demonstrations. Mrs. Doris Alles, instructor, is a qualified physical therapist.

First aid classes, for which there is no charge, are taught every Monday from 2 until 4 p.m. James Wadsley is the instructor. Information regarding any of these classes may be obtained by calling the Torrance YWCA.

## ... Pastry Arts Club Taught To Decorate Food Dishes

(Continued from Page 9) bring two and a quarter cups of either a butter icing or of "deco" icing. Deco icing contains a commercial product which may be purchased by the students through their instructor.

Generally, "paste color" rather than the liquid food coloring is used. So concentrated is the color that just a dot of paste on a toothpick is enough to color half a cup of icing. The primary colors are used except during the fall courses when black is added for Halloween decorations.

According to the lesson plan for the day, illustrated with clear, detailed photographs of the design, the students divide the icing into the quantities necessary for each color. Lessons are set up to include green, a light and a dark shade of the color chosen, and white. The darker shade is made first, then a quarter teaspoon of the colored icing is added to white for the lighter shade.

The equipment for the beginning class includes a set of rose nails and 12 tips, the use of the latter creating the specified designs. They also bring six large and six small bags to hold the icing. With this equipment, they are prepared for all but the most complicated patterns.

Mrs. Kelly teaches over 360 students in 12 classes during the course of a week, one of which is a cooking class. Her classes are held in Torrance, Lomita, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Lennox, Huntington Park and Wilmington, requiring much time on the road.

Mrs. Kelly says that in a class she once had in San Pedro, she had people speaking seven different tongues, and few of them understood very little English. Although this class represented her greatest challenge, she says they got along just fine. Using the universal language of gestures and by demonstration, every person was able to follow the day's lesson and do a good job.

While discussing the mass move of adults back to school, Mrs. Kelly praised the eagerness and willingness of her students. "I feel adult education is meeting a great need. But we need more good basic classes in adult education and we'd have less in our mental hospitals," she concluded.

### RESORT TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins, 3105 Antonio, are spending the weekend in Palm Springs.

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## List Circle Meet Dates

Circle meetings for the women of the Lutheran church have been scheduled as follows:

On April 22 Dorcas Circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Clara Conner, 1108 Cravens; Ruth Circle at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Charles Mearing, 22305 Linda Dr.; and Sarah Circle at 8 p.m. with Mrs. W. Megow, 1412 Fern Ave.

On April 18 Naomi Circle will meet in the Fireside room at the church at 12 noon and at 12:30 the Rebekah Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Knudsen, 1225 Arlington Ave.

Anyone wishing transportation to any of these meetings is asked to call Mrs. Bonnie Freberg.

### OPEN HOUSE AT CASIMIR

Over 250 parents returned to school Wednesday evening, April 10, on the occasion of "Open House" at Casimir Elementary School.

Open House followed a shortened Parent Teacher Association program which featured Dr. Hunsaker, who discussed "Special Education Facilities for the Physically Handicapped Child in Torrance."

At 8:30 p.m. the 34 members of the staff were on hand to greet parents as they visited from room to room. Samples of children's work, instructional materials and devices, class projects, and individual students projects, were on display as mothers and dads were taken on class tours by proud little pupil hosts and hostesses.

Later in the evening, coffee and refreshments were served in the Home Economics room for the many guests.

## Church Group Holds Meet

Women of the Church gathered in the Fireside room of the First Lutheran church on April 2 for a dinner meeting. Ruth McCabe served as mistress of ceremonies for the table prayer and the program. After the dinner the group

assembled in the church sanctuary where Mrs. Loraine Roberts, president of the Ruth circle directed the program.

Pastor Don Johnson presented a devotional on the topic, "Do We Betray Christ." This was followed by the film "Rim of the Wheel" on family life.

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